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Stockbridge
 Mas. Oct. 12.
 1895
 327 LEXINGTON AVENUE.
 Mr. Choate says
 the atty. Genl. of the U.S.
 will sue for the return
 of the grant in a U.S. Court in
 California on the ground of non-
 fulfillment of the conditions.

My dear Mr. W.:
 I am most
 interested and obliged
 by your long letter con-
 cerning Yosemite affairs
 and I hope to make use
 of the facts you have given
 to the advantage of the
 valley - sooner or later.
 I have been spending
 a month's vacation in Stock-
 bridge - and this last week
 I have been visiting here at
 the country house of Joseph H. Choate

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I'll break your neck on your account. I'll make
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 result. I'll on underestimate your influence, I am sure.
 The argument, and contrast of the two parks are all
 with you.

I will ask Mr. Choate if there is any meth-
 od except recreation
 out from New York
 Choate have a copy
 then, and you will
 know. I am well & trying to get strong
 as field is over to go again to work.
 My warm regards to Mrs. Wm.
 Green. Sincerely of faith, your friend
 J. H. Choate

a beautiful big house built
by Stanford White and
overlooking the Housatonic
Valley. I like the region
greatly and hope to have a
country home here within two
or three years. (See the July
and August Centurion for
articles on the Berkshires.)
When I settle down you
must come and visit me
and I'll have a tomahawk
masquerade with war-whoops
etc. to give this mellow and
gentle country the wild suggestion
necessary to your enjoyment!

When I get back to the
office I will send you in
her seal of secrecy the
letter about Bradford. I doubt
if he is a man to tie to.

I am rejoiced to hear what you say
about Recession. Can't the Sierra Club
be got to take the initiative in the movement?
You feel isolation doesn't meet this winter,
and there is plenty of time for making judi-
cious sentiment. If you would make a few
timid canvasses of a few men of influence in
the Club I believe you might carry them
for recession and thus form a nucleus for
a canvass by the state. The Selective服
& railroad suggestions show how little the line
men of the valley is suspected by the can-
tastic. The latter can be fought at Wash-
for it will have to traverse the Vermont and the
National Park—and this I will oppose with all my
energies. But Recession is the thing, and before

Stockbridge, Mass.,
Oct. 12, 1895.

My dear Muir:

I am most interested and obliged by your long letter concerning Yosemite affairs, and I hope to make use of the facts you have given to the advantage of the Valley -- sooner or later.

I have been spending a month's vacation in Stockbridge -- and this last week I have been visiting here at the country house of Joseph H. Choate, a beautiful big house built by Stanford White and overlooking the Housatonic Valley. I like the region greatly, and hope to have a country home here within two or three years. (See the July and August Century for articles on the Berkshires.) When I settle down you must come and visit me and I'll have a tomahawk masquerade with war-whoops, etc. to give this mellow and gentle country the wild suggestion necessary to your enjoyment!

When I get back to the office I will send you under the seal of secrecy the letter about Radford. I doubt if he is a man to tie to.

I am rejoiced to hear what you say about Recession. Can't the Sierra Club be got to take the initiative in the movement? Your Legislature doesn't meet this winter, and there is plenty of time for making preliminary canvass of a few men of influence in the Club. I believe you might carry them for recession and thus form a nucleus for a canvass of the state. The electric light and railway suggestions show how little the true grandeur of the Valley is suspected by the authorities. The latter can be fought at Washington, for it will have to traverse government land, the National Park, and this I will oppose with all my energies. But recession is the thing, and before you break your neck on an earthquake talus you ought to accomplish that great result. You underestimate your influence, I am sure. The argument, and the contrast of the two parks are all with you.

I will ask Mr. Choate if there is any method except recession practicable. He has just come up from New York, where my family are. The Choates have a copy of your book which I gave them, and you will soon be a household word here!

I am well and trying to get strong as Gilder is soon to go again to Europe.

My warm regards to Mrs. Muir.

Ever gratefully and faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson